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Long May It Wave



"Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel Webster.

Birds Flock Nightly.

People at the corner of Main and Bridge streets are entertained nightly by several thousands of Martins, as they fly around in a circle time and time again. The birds begin the program with a few about 6 or 6:30 o'clock and continue with a seemingly unending chatter and twittering until close to 8 o'clock when the circle becomes smaller and smaller and with, in a very few minutes the leader of the swarm picks out a suitable roosting place in the trees on the east side of Hotel Belding whereupon the rest swarm in, nestle down, quit their noise and everything is silent.

Marine Corps Notes.
Paris, France, Aug. 12.—"Tell Mother!"

These are always the first words of the wounded U. S. Marines, those devil dog fighters who routed the German forces in the recent battle on the Marne, where they are brought into hospitals here.

One Marine, just a boy, said: "I've been a sort of wanderer for the past six years. I guess the folks back home thought I was good for nothing. But now I wish you would write Mother for me and just tell her I made good."

Entertained For Former Residents.
To meet Mrs. Bradley Stone of Marion and Mrs. Westfall, formerly Cora Holmes, of Duluth, Mrs. Geo. Holmes invited 12 ladies, old time friends of the visitors, Thursday afternoon. After some fine music, dainty refreshments were served. Every one had a pleasant visit, talking over old times and hoped to all meet again another year.

Baptists Picniced At Long Lake.
Quite a number of the members of the Baptist church and Sunday school took in the annual picnic which was held at Long Lake a week ago Friday and everybody had a good time. It may seem rather late to tell of this now but the item was sent to a paper in another city and we failed to get track of it in time.

Dildone School Reunion.

A reunion of the Dildone School association will be held at the Dildone school house in Easton, Ionia county, Michigan, on Wednesday, August 21, 1918, at noon. As usual, a basket picnic will be a feature, each family or group of persons bringing their own provisions, also knives, forks, spoons, and all dishes except plates and cups; the committee on entertainment will provide plates, cups, lemonade and ice cream. A collection will be taken for incidental expenses. Participants from such a distance as to make it seriously inconvenient to bring their own provisions will be entertained, as at previous reunions.

All who expect to attend this reunion are urgently requested to inform the chairman of the committee on entertainment, O. E. Newton, 607 West Main street, Ionia, Mich., at the earliest possible date, stating the probable number in each party. Lack of this information has heretofore greatly increased the difficulties of the committee. An attempt will be made to arrange transportation from Ionia to the schoolhouse. If those from a distance attending the reunion who will reach Ionia on the morning of Aug. 1 will give Mr. Newton sufficient notice, it is hoped that conveyances can meet them at the train.

A brief program has been planned. As a special feature for this occasion, all attending the reunion are requested to bring any pictures they have which may arouse memories of the Dildone school of years ago; of the people then living in the school district, and especially of the pioneers. Bring pictures of the older the better, members of your own family who have lived in the district; of yourselves in the years gone by; of any of your former teachers; of the schoolhouse and of groups of pupils at any and all times. If the pictures can be exhibited attached to some kind of board, to save handling, so much the better and safer and if the names and the approximate dates of the pictures can be appended the exhibits will be all the more interesting. The committee on program hopes in this way to aid in keeping alive the memory of the people who helped to make the present Dildone school and the community about it what they are.

Another proposed feature of the reunion is a roll call of members, each one as called to respond with an anecdote of school days. Come prepared with your story, grave or gay, to add to the general interest. It seems hardly necessary to recall the enjoyment so many of us have found in the previous reunions, beginning with the memorable one of July 4, 1904, and to express the hope that the present one will be the equal of any yet held. All who have been either teachers or pupils in the Dildone school are welcome at the reunion and those who have been such not later than the year 1910 are eligible to active membership in the association.

A. L. Colton, Secretary,
Box 1437, City Postoffice, Washington, D. C.

Grange Rally.

Ionia County Grange rally Thursday, Aug. 29, 1918 at Lake Odessa. Invitation extended to Grangers in adjoining counties. All kinds of games and sports, music, etc. Hon. H. E. Straight of Coldwater, gives the address. Chairman of the day is H. E. Straight of Lake Odessa, master of Pomona Grange.

MARY E. H. COVILLE, Reporter.

"How is it?" asked Von Bum, "that I sunk more ships than Von Swine and he got six iron crosses and I only got one?" "Easy," replied the ruler of kultureland, "Von Swine sunk a hospital ship."

Lost A Good Basket.
Some one unintentionally, perhaps, carried off a good serviceable basket belonging to Mrs. Carrie Choate, while at the Sons and Daughters of Veterans' picnic last Saturday afternoon and Mrs. Choate would greatly appreciate getting it returned to her.

Make thrift your buy-word.

BUY W. S. S.

LUMBERING IN FRANCE IS DIFFERENT THAN IN U.S.

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going down, was slapping up a new log, the other side of the same saw, coming up, was cutting the pile of slabs along the edge, making the head saw its own edge, some scheme. So it goes with these people, they are never wasting anything.

We have received some reinforcements in our strength lately and at present I am occupied with a small crew of carpenters increasing the size of our camp. We hear very little definite news of what is going on at the front, but there seems very little likelihood of an early peace. However, this does not bother us, as all our plans are made for a long time campaign.

I hope that you and Aunt Mary continue well and that everything goes well with you.

With love,

Charlie,

Co. F, 4th Bat., 20th Engineers, A. E. F.

Hugo Fales has also written the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Fales. Hugo is apparently taking life about as easy as he can and does not intend to let the war worry any of his weight away:

Le Foyer du Soldat
Union Franco-Americaine
le July 7, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:
Well, here it is Sunday once more and that is about the only time I have to drop a line. I really have been working harder lately than I ever did before, that is to say this is a pretty stiff course and a fellow has to devote every minute of his time to study if he has a chance to get through it. Along with the school we have very good meals and nice quarters; each one of us has a desk and bench beside our beds; have large shelves and place to hang our clothes, white sheets and a man to shine our shoes, make our beds and keep the place cleaned up; in our dining room we have waiters, white dishes and we can order chocolate to drink, eggs any style, toast or anything of the sort for breakfast. The other meals are very good also. We are allowed to go down town whenever we wish, that is to say, when there are no classes and we have no restrictions whatever. In fact everything is arranged so that we can be as comfortable as possible. I tell you this is great for now in fact it is the best thing I have struck in France so far. We have a very nice place to swim and take a little advantage of same. It is pretty warm here in the day time but we always sleep under blankets at night. There are a number of Frenchmen at this school, in fact an equal number of French and Americans; we had a celebration for the 4th of July, all day off, nothing to do but celebrate and we sure did some; we had one grand and glorious day; we had three big meals to start with, everything to eat and drink that a person could want, that is to say in wines. I am enclosing one of the menu. We had all kinds of races, tug-of-war, that is where I shined, shoe race, potato race, tin race, sack race, relay race, 100 yard run, and ball game which was rather a curiosity for the French. In the tug-of-war the motor transport men pulled the Ambulance and beat them then we pulled the French team and beat them. The French team then gave us a treat. We had some of the high moguls of the French army here to witness same and they also gave us a talk. Some of the Frenchmen were decorated here in the morning with the Croix de Guerre and we stood up for them. Some of our boys have the Croix du Guerre and I hope some time to have the opportunity of getting one. I haven't missed anything by being in school so far, I have been in every offensive since I have been over here and what is more I am not going to miss one if I can help it. We sure have seen a lot of action in the past two offensives and that is about the only thing I can say in regard to same. I think you wrote you were at Ionia to hear Mr. Taylor; well how did he picture same to you? I can appreciate his talk as I have had the same thing myself but with no bad results. I have had the experience twice but it is very different from the kind Mr. Leonard has. I am glad the souvenirs were received and if I have the opportunity I will send some more. I had several others with me but that was a trial send. I will try and locate Lyle Madden. I think I will be able to.

I had a very good friend over here that has just returned to the States; his name is John Berger, Jr.; he lives in Great Falls, Montana; he was taken sick over here. Palmer writes me that I don't say much in my letters but I guess you realize I am not allowed to and I guess it is good for all of us that we are not allowed to give much dope. I am getting along fine and never felt better in my life than I do right now. In fact I have been in good health ever since I arrived here which will be nearly a year now. Time sure does fly, don't it? Will close for this time.

From your affectionate son,
Hugo.

The One Hundred and Forty-second Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, July 4, 1918. U. S. M. T. S., U. S. A. A. S. with the C. I. A. M. of the French Army.

Menu: Breakfast—Quaker oats, a la Verdun; omelette, Newyorkaise; chocolate, coffee.
Luncheon—Blue Point oysters, butter; salmon, sauce Pershing; chicken, a la Foch; sweet potatoes, Elsie Janis; peas, a la Bernhardt; apricots, a la Fontainebleau; cream cheese; cake, a la Washington; jam, nuts, wine, coffee.
Dinner—Consomme, President Wilson; goose livers, Boston style—Thon; spring rabbits, Chicagoise; grilled potatoes; salad Franco-American; assorted cheeses; ice cream, a la Victoire; preserves, fruits; "NUTS" to the Kaiser; wine, coffee.

This menu has been passed by the local delegate of Mr. Hoover. Dishes marked with an asterisk are ready at all times.

Burr Smith writes the following to his mother, from the place where he is at in France:

Somewhere in France, July 4, 1918.
Dear Mother:

I will answer your welcome letter tonight. I received it Saturday. It was just 10 days on the road. We had a layoff today and had a ball game and races and boxing matches. The No. 12 M. G. was over to visit us. We had a good day. Where did you folks spend your 4th? We are having fine weather over here; it is not so hot as it is in Michigan. Has Dan been fishing yet? Is Ed at Custer yet? I would rather be here than in Camp Custer for we have more excitement. It will soon be fall. The time goes fast here. I will soon be home then I'll tell the news. Lots of pretty girls but cannot talk to them. I am learning French but rather slowly. I will close; cannot write much. Goodbye, your soldier boy,

Burr Smith,
A. E. F., Co. B, 10 M. G. Bn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bailey are in receipt of the following from their son, Corporal Clarence C. Bailey, a veteran of the trenches and who has been in it from the time this nation entered:

The Salvation Army
with the
American Troops in France
June 8, 1918.

Dear Ones at Home:
I am going to try and get these few lines toward the old U. S. A. and loved ones at home. I don't have much time to myself so will have to make it short. Got some mail yesterday and I sure enjoyed reading it. Now if you don't hear from me don't worry for I am all right and never felt better in my life and I am right there for my three meals a day and good big ones at that.

We are having great weather where I am. Everything is looking grand in France and hope it stays so the rest of the summer. You have probably read about our work over here. Well, we are doing great work and it sure makes us feel mighty good that we can hold our own. I only wish I could tell you. We mighty hard to be in this big game and can't tell you anything but I'm saving it up and perhaps some day I will come home and I'll talk your arm off, ha, ha. Boost the Red Cross all you can there for they are doing wonderful work over here for the boys.

This is not much of a letter but don't worry about me for I am playing the game with the other boys and we are surely going to win and then the big ocean and we'll all come marching home. Sounds good, don't it? Tell little Ed that all the little fellows over here are soldiers also. Well it is getting so dark I can hardly follow the lines so will take a look around and stop writing.

Give all my friends my best regards and if any of them want to write I would be glad to hear from them. Be sure and get this new address. Your son and brother,

Corporal Clarence C. Bailey,
Co. A, 3rd M. G. Bn., First American Expeditionary Forces, France.

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Delegates to County Convention.

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